[Mr. K. K. Kannan]

നന്നായിരിക്കുമെന്നാണ്. എനിക്കു തോന്നുന്നതു്. അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ പരിപൂർണ്ണമായ ആയുരാരോഗ്യങ്ങൾക്കായി പ്രാർത്ഥിച്ചുകൊണ്ടു് മറ്റുള്ളവരോടൊപ്പം ഞാനും ഈ പ്രമേയത്തെ പിന്താങ്ങിക്കൊള്ളുന്നു.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Prime Minister)*: We may finish this now, Sir.

Mr. President: I suppose so.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. ടി. അച്യുതൻ: ഞാൻ ഈ പ്രമേയത്തോടനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു. ലോകൈകവന്ദ്യനായ മഹാത്മജിയുടെ ഛായാപടം നമുക്കു നൽകിയ മിസ്റ്റർ വൈദ്യനാഥയ്യരോടു് ഒരു കൊച്ചുകാരൻ എന്ന നിലയിൽ ഞാൻ നന്ദിപറഞ്ഞുകൊള്ളുന്നു. ഗാന്ധിജിയുടെ പ്രവർത്തികളുടെ ഒരു സംഗ്രഹം ഇവിടെ പറയാനുദ്ദേശിക്കുന്നില്ല. ഭാരതീയരായിട്ടുള്ള നമ്മൾക്കു് അദ്ദേഹത്തിന്റെ പ്രവർത്തിയുടെ ഫലമായിട്ടാണു് സ്വാതന്ത്ര്യം ലഭ്യമായതു് എന്നു് ഒരിക്കലും വിസ്മരിക്കാവുന്നതല്ല. ഗാന്ധിജിയുടെ സിദ്ധാന്തങ്ങളെ എല്ലാകാര്യങ്ങളിലും സ്വാത്മനാ അനുഷ്ഠിക്കുവാനും അനുകരിക്കുവാനും അതുമൂലം പൂജ്യമായ ഒരു ലോകത്തെ സൃഷ്ടിക്കുവാനും ഉള്ള കഴിവുകളും ധൈര്യവും നമ്മൾക്കെല്ലാവർക്കും ഉണ്ടാകട്ടെ എന്നുള്ള ആശംസയോടുകൂടിയും ഈ ഛായാപടം നമുക്കു നൽകിയ മിസ്റ്റർ ടി. കെ. വൈദ്യനാഥയ്യരോടു കൃതജ്ഞത പ്രകാശിപ്പിച്ചുകൊണ്ടും എന്റെ ഈ പ്രസ്താവന അവസാനിപ്പിച്ചുകൊള്ളുന്നു.

Mr. President: Just a word more. Mr. K. Vaidyanathan the well known artist who made a gift of this beautiful picture, is now in the President's Gallery. He is not new in this line. Several Hon'ble Members know him already, I understand that as long ago as 1938 he presented to Mahathma Gandhi at Haripura a picture of Mahatma Gandhi blessing a Harijan boy. I also understand that ever since that time he has drawn several pictures of that type which have been greatly appreciated by the public at large, he has also presented a picture now to the Madras Legislative Council and the President on behalf of the members has accepted it. Therefore, we are very proud that our House has also got a portrait painting of the great national leader. The artist himself has given an appropriate title "the Father of the Nation". We must all be thankful to the artist for sanctifying this House by the present of this portrait of the revered "Father of the Nation". Therefore as a mark of great veneration profound respect, and affection which we owe to Mahatma Gandhi, I request the Hon'ble Members to rise in their seats and accept this resolution.

The resolution was accepted all Members standing

Mr. President: The House therefore accepts this offer and on behalf of the House I gladly thank Mr. K. V. Vaidyanatha Ayyar for having made this excellent and inspiring gift to this House.

House rose for lunch at 1-35 p.m. and reassembled at 2-35 p m. with the Hon'ble President M R.Ry. L. M. Pylee M.A. and B.L. in the Chair.

6. LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS—(I) GOVERMENT BILLS

The Cochin Payment of Salaries and Allowances (Amendment) Bill—(*cont.*)

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Prime Minister)*: Sir, I move that the Cochin Payment of Salaries and Allowances Act (Amendment) Bill be taken up and finally passed.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Constitutional-Adviser)*: I second the motion.

Mr. Parambi Lonappan *(Irinjalakkuda)*: I wish to say a few words at this stage, not with the idea of obstructing the passing of the Bill.

Mr. President: The Hon'ble Member is opposing it or not?

Mr. Parambi Lonappan *(Irinjalakkuda)*: After finishing my speech I will say whether I oppose or not. Let me offer my remarks and then state my opposition. As I said before not mainly to obstruct.....

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: With what view ?

Mr. Parambi Lonappan *(Irinjalakkuda)*: With a view to offer some observations on what transpired in the House when the Payment of Salaries Bill was taken up. Sir, you all know that in the year 1113 when a Minister was first appointed the Government of the day thought that the pay of the Ministers should be fixed at Rs. 800 per mensem with a house allowance of Rs. 75 and I think if I am right with a car allowance of Rs. 75 with a car. After having fixed it, the bill was introduced in the Council and after much discussion.....

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Mr. President: I would wish to know whether the Bill can be discussed at this stage.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Constitutional Adviser):* The Bill can be opposed at the third reading also.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* And a speech can be made in support of the opposition.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Irinjalakkuda):* After discussion in this Council, this Council resolved that the salary of the Minister shall be only Rs. 500 per mensem besides car allowance and house allowance. That was on the basis of the salaries that were in existence for Ministers in the provinces in British India. You all know, Sir, that prior to it Ministers in British India especially in Madras were getting a salary of Rs. 2,000 but when the Congress came to power reasonably or unreasonably they reduced the salary to Rs. 500. The Members of our Council followed the same example and fixed it at Rs. 500. Later on that salary was continued to be paid till the year 1120. Later on it was found that in British India when the Congress came into power they began to increase the pay of the ministers to Rs. 1,000 in provinces. I think in Bombay it was Rs. 1,500. Therefore there were representations in the press here, in Cochin State, that the pay of the Minister in Cochin State should be increased. I was the sole Minister along with the reserved members of the Government in charge of certain departments of the State. The Bill was said to be introduced into the Council to raise the salary of the minister from Rs. 500 to that of Rs. 850. I think the salary of Rs. 850 was fixed on account of the fact that the original pay proposed by the Government was Rs. 850, a little over the puisne Judge. When that Bill was introduced in the Makaram session of the douncil, the then member in charge of the bill said like this: "There are three items in this bill. One is the payment of salary to the non-official members of this House announced by His Highness the late Maharaja and which had its genesis in a motion passed by this House that the Members of the House should be paid asalary in addition to travelling allowance that is now being paid.

The second one is the enhancement of the salary now given to the Deputy President by increasing it from Rs. 1,200 to 2,000 per year. Government also thought that it is time to consider whether any enhancement is not necessary to the emoluments now sanctioned to the Hon'ble Minister. From the various reports in the Press, Government thought there is a volume of opinion that an enhancement in the salary of the Hon'ble Minister is also necessary. And that also is proposed in this Bill. Government certainly, as usual, would not be taking part in the discussion about this and would be guided by the opinion of this House in this matter and this is included in the Bill so that the members will have an opportunity to express an opinion in this regard. I do not think that any further explanation on the clauses of the Bill is necessary at this stage".

Before that bill was introduced by the Government the reserve half of the Government wanted to know the opinion of the Ministerialist party, one or more member of the Ministerialist Party consisted of the present Nationalist Party, a few members of the Progressive Party and the Socialist Party and the reserve half of the Government wanted to know whether this bill will have the support of the nationalist party at least. Therefore the matter had to be put by me before the nationalist party and it was discussed therein and I will be able to show convincingly to this House that the trend of opinion of the Nationalist Party at that time was as has been expressed by the Minister—the then Minister myself in the note which has been read by the Prime Minister yesterday or day before yesterday. From the speeches in this House that he had not deliberately said so might not have been forgotten of what he said. I do not attribute any deliberate misleading by the Hon'ble Minister for Works, I am thinking that he must have forgotten the whole matter and therefore it is that he made such an observation, because the reserve half of the Government wanted to know what the attitude of the Nationalist Party was. As I said the whole matter was discussed and they thought that the Minister should get a salary more than that of heads of departments in the State. We all know, Sir, there are here in the State departmental heads who draw salaries above Rs. 800 and one drawing a pay of Rs. 1,000. And therefore it is that in my official note which I gave to the reserve half of the Government that the attitude of the Nationalist Party will be that they are of the opinion that the Minister's salary is insufficient and at the same time they will not be voting for it but leaving it to the Government of His Highness and the opposition to say whether they sanction it or not. The Prime Minister read out a portion of the correspondence of which I am the author. I was taken by surprise whether it was proper or improper. From a portion of the note read over here I find that I had opined in those days that the Nationalist Party was of

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opinion that the pay of the Ministers should be more than that of a head of department of the Government—800 or 1,000. There is also a head of department with a salary of Rs. 1,000 in the State.

Mr. P. Kumaren Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Now he draws Rs. 1,200.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Irinjalakkuda):* Then it was only Rs. 1000. Even my friend Mr. Ayyappan, in those days one of my party, was of that opinion which may be gathered his own speech in this House when the amendment to the Salaries and Allowances Act came with reference to the dearness allowance.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Then he was a non-official.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Irinjalakkuda):* No disturbance please.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Minister for Works):* I have to add a word. The whole difficulty began with the throwing out of the Bill for increasing the Minister's salary.

Mr. President: Are we upon that Bill or a new one here?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Irinjalakkuda):* On the Salaries Bill Sir.

Mr. President: What is the bearing of that on this?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Irinjalakkuda):* Certain observations had been made here that there was no justification in my remark that the allowances of the Ministers and the salaries of the President should not be increased. I am stating that these observations are not quite correct and are not based on previous events that took place and hence I am bringing to the notice of the Hon'ble Members that....

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* We are obliged to you for that.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Irinjalakkuda):* The official note which I gave to the reserved half of the Government was quite justified. Let me continue.—

Mr President: Yes.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Irinjalakkuda):* Then many felt that the salary was not sufficient. My Hon'ble friend Mr. Panambilli is a juggler and....

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is he really one?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Irinjalakkuda):* That is what Mr. Ayyappan said and he wanted to make up the deficiency of salary which he had also to support it. He now thinks that dearness allowacne can be given and also do not think that there is nothing wrong in claiming and accepting dearness allowance if it is necessary considering the present salary of the Ministers. Dearness allowance or something more is necessary to the Ministers and to be given at least a salary given to the heads of departments, that is what Mr. Ayyappan said in those days and sure he must not have forgotten it when he made this observation.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Certainly not, Sir.

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Minister for Works):* Of course, many will say that salary does not connote everything. In many cases salary and status go together. There is no reason that the head of the department.....

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* And many other things.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Irinjalakkuda):* I do not want to create unnecessary differences. "The difficulty began elsewhere; it was curtailed in the beginning there; they are revising their view. It is the Congress that curtailed the salary of the Minister and it was at the instance of Mahatma Gandhi."

Mr. President: I would like to know whether this is quite relevant. You are dealing with on old bill. But at this stage of the final reading I presume that we must discuss upon the Bill that is before the House.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* In the background..

Mr. President: Not on the background but on the fore-ground. The Hon'ble Member is on the old Bill.

Mr. M. K. Raja *(Mulakunnthukavu):* It is more in the nature of a personal explanation than on the merits of the Bill.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Prime Minister):* May I say this Sir, now that we are at the third reading, Government will very much appreciate if the discussion is over before the adjournment motion is taken up. Not that the Hon'ble member is making certain explanation and I would welcome it, but I would suggest to the House that since we are at the third stage Government would appreciate it very much.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Criminal Amendment Act is left over.

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Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Irinjalakkuda)*: I will finish very quickly. My point is not about the pay which had to be given on account of the fact that the reserve half of the Government wanted to know the opinion of the Nationalist Party in the matter, I have just read out from the speech of the Hon'ble friend Mr. Ayyappan who of courie has forgotten....

Mr. K. Ayyappan *(Minister for Works)*: I have not at all forgotten anything, and do not dis own anything.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: How can you disown.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Irinjalakkuda)*: Therefore my first note came in. The second note was about the dearness allowance and we are now directly on that point. This dearness allowance question had to be created on account of the fact that His Highness the Maharaja sanctioned dearness allowance to all officers drawing above Rs. 500. There was also some discussion in this House whether the Minister can get the dearness allowance or not. As I said before Mr. Ayyappan and Mr. Panampilli agreed that dearness allowance could be drawn by the Ministers. The question was whether it was necessary for the Government to come again to the House, that was a legal question. The reserve half of the Government thought that it should go again to the discussions in the Council and I thought that it was unnecessary. That the trend of the discussions in the Council show that the Members of the House are for dearness allowance to be given to the Minister and that it seems that His Highness had sanctioned that dearness allowance to all persons who draw any amount from the treasury. I said the executive opinion of mine, was that dearness allowance can be drawn and in the face of His Highness' orders without going to the Council. In that spirit I said dearness allowance can be drawn. The present Constitutional Adviser the then Advocate-General said that since it is an allowance to Minister this also must go to the Council and I said I have absolutely no objection. It is in that the bill regarding dearness allowance came to the Council. In the drafting of the bill I have stated before, you will find, that the bill is so drafted by the Government that one pie should not be drawn by him in the shape of dearness allowance because by a provision in that bill retrospective effect was given to the allowance to the members. The members wanted their allowance should be increased to Rs. 1,000 from 1st Chingam 1121 instead of the date of its passing but in the case of the dearness allowance it was found that it takes effect only after passing of the bill after it passes through the Karkadagam sesssion of the Council, and it was a patent fact in those days. That after the 14th of Karkadagam I and my colleague Mr. K. Balakrishna Menon had to quit office. Therefore when I consented that dearness allowance can be drawn from the date of the passing of the bill I had absolute certainty that I would not get it and that some others would be benefitted by it (hear, hear)

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Prime Minister)*: May I point out that I read another office note which you sent on or about 20th Karkadagam, after 14th Karkadagam, that the bill may be so amended that dearness allowance may retrospective effect, not alone the future have Ministers but the previous Ministers also should be benefitted.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Irinjalakkuda)*: I think it is true but you please go through again further, then you will find that in a further discussion I said I do not want it. Don't quote only partial. On further discussion with the Secretary, Rama Varma Tampuran, I said I would give up the dearness allowance. That is because you yourself said that there is absolutely nothing abnoxious but even then I said I do not want this allowance.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Prime Minister)*: The latter point of my speech yesterday and the day before was that the previous Ministers were of opinion that dearness allowance is proper. That is all what I wanted to say.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Much more than that was in your speech.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Irinjalakkuda)*: Any way I am sorry therefore that a very decent act of mine has been so presented here, as though that I had absolutely no support whatever from my party members when others.....

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Prime Minister)*: I was not a party member.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Irinjalakkuda)*: I was more anxious and others were supporting me. On the contrary I had full support from every where and even in the matter of dearness allowance which may have been given with retrospective effect. Finally I said I don't want it. That is the position. I am very sorry Sir, that when such is the position my friend did give me an opportunity to go through these papers before he exposes. Of course there is nothing to be ashamed of it. Everything is above board. I may tell you for your information I understand as correct also that it has been laid down by the administrative heads of the

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Cochin State that interim correspondence between two sections of the Government or between Maharaja and the Diwan or between the Secretary of Government or between the heads of departments should not be disclosed not because I am ashamed of it (hear. hear.)

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Prime Minister)*: Not that it should not be disclosed but it should not be claimed to be disclosed.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Irinjalakkuda)*: I regret very much that the Hon'ble Prime Minister preferred a discussion in such a manner to enable him to disclose these things in the Council. Did he not prefer such an answer from me? He preferred somewhere around something that is unfair they are dealing with the opposition. What I wanted to say in regard to this bill is this. I do not find any reason in enhancing the pay of the President now. In these days of.....

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: For another thing it must be increased.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Irinjalakkuda)*: What I said yesterday was that we increased the pay of the President and fixed at 4,000. When we introduced that bill you could have then thought that the pay of the President should be increased to 6,000. Now you come forward with a bill that the pay of the President should be increased and dearness allowances should be given to him. What I submitted was that when you do like that you must also look to the interests of the poor people also. You ought to have given this business of raising the pay of the President and the dearness allowance to me, to the opposition or to the Government alone. This would mean now that you have got a strong body of people to help. Anyway whatever it is, my submission is this that personally I am indifferent whether you give 4,000 or 6,000 to the President or whether you give dearness allowance or house allowance, or first class railway fare. But all these amounts put together is a big amount and a very big taxation upon the poor people. That was the trend of my argument and that was the trend of my speech. The President deserves to have a salary up to Rs. 6,000. One more word I will say and then I will finish. You will remember, Sir, that when I was Minister for one year and one month very serious attempts have been made both by the opposition and the Nationalist Party to get through at the Government files to criticise Mr. T. K. Nayar's action. Even in this House and else where they were trying to insinuate. Now I request the Government that for the sake of good Government in the country, for the sake of subordinate services and for the sake of your secretariat staff not to indulge in this kind of exposure hereafter.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ: ഞാൻ ഇതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ചു പറഞ്ഞ സംഗതി പരമാർത്ഥമാണെന്നു പറയേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നു.

മിസ്റ്റർ പറമ്പി ലോനപ്പൻ: അതു മനഃപൂർവ്വമാണെന്നു ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ: ഞാൻ ഇന്നലെ പറഞ്ഞതു് സോഷ്യലിസ്റ്റു പാർട്ടി കൂടി ഇങ്ങിനെ ഒരു തീരുമാനം എടുത്തിട്ടില്ലായെന്നാണു്. ഞാൻ ഇതിനു് അനുകൂലിയായിരുന്നു. വേറെയൊരു പാർട്ടിയിലിരുന്നുകൊണ്ടും ഞാൻ മന്ത്രിമാരുടെ ശമ്പളം കുറക്കണമെന്നുള്ള വാദത്തെ എതിർത്തിട്ടുണ്ടു്. കോൺഗ്രസ്സുകാർ മന്ത്രിമാരുടെ ശമ്പളം 1000 കയാക്കിയതു ശരിയല്ലായിരുന്നുവെന്നാണു് ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളതു്. ഇങ്ങിനെ എന്റെ സ്വന്തം നിലയിലുള്ള അഭിപ്രായത്തിനു മറുപടിയായിരിക്കും അദ്ദേഹം പറഞ്ഞതെന്നു ഞാൻ വിചാരിക്കുന്നു. പക്ഷെ, ഇന്നലെ ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞതായ സംഗതിയിൽ ഞാനും മെമ്പറായിരുന്നകാലത്തു നാഷണലിസ്റ്റു് പാർട്ടി എടുത്ത നിലയെപ്പറ്റിയാണു്.

മിസ്റ്റർ പറമ്പി ലോനപ്പൻ: പാർട്ടിയുടെ അഭിപ്രായമാണെന്നു ഞാൻ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. അയ്യപ്പൻ: അതിനെപ്പറ്റി മാത്രമെ ഞാനും പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ളൂ. ഞാൻ ആരേയും വേദനപ്പെടുത്തി പറഞ്ഞിട്ടില്ലെന്നു മാത്രമെയുള്ളൂ.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: May I know who has got the House. I or the Hon'ble Minister for Works.

Mr. President: The whole Council has got the House. I call upon the Hon'ble Minister for Works.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri)*: Mr. President, unlike the two Hon'ble Members—one the Hon'ble Minister for Works and the other the leader of the opposition—I am here on my legs, Sir, to do my duty at this the last opportunity given to me to oppose a measure which in certain parts of which has got the result of insulting the second chair in the land

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by insisting upon the most disgraceful thing called dearness allowance being forced to be taken by him, unless by a voluntary action of his he will refuse to touch that and save himself from that insult. The taking or the giving of dearness allowance to persons who get more than Rs. 10 per day, viz. Rs. 300 per mensem is not a justifiable thing. Before I sit down and which I am very anxious to do as early as possible because I have got other work to do on a better subject I must say this much. I heard just in the few foregoing moments certain observations one of which was that it was made by the Hon'ble Congressite Premier that disclosure of official papers or official notes should not be claimed to be disclosed. I have noted your words and that was the effect of the cutting and penetrating observations cooly and deliberately made by the leader of the opposition.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Irinjalakkuda):* Not cutting at all.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): You do not know when and where it cuts. Otherwise these observations would not have been given. Now what does it come to, Sir. None in this House has got the right to disclose official papers. That is his mind, and it should not be claimed to be disclosed. Therefore Sir, it means that any paper in the Record Office of the Secretariat can be utilised by any one of these four Hon'ble Ministers, for what, not for defending the Government position for which they are there; but for defending oneself. Is not the attempt made by the Premier, yesterday, the other day, Sir, to protect the Government. Therefore sir, the disclosure of papers unless it be in answer to a question which the President allows and the Government do not find reasonable objection in disclosing, unless it be for such a solitary purpose let not a single paper in the Secretariat be disclosed. The day before yesterday will be the last occasion when that unfortunate incident took place and will be forgotten for ever. I took exception of the statement made by the leader of the oppsition that 'I am indifferent as to what the Ministers or the President get as salary or T. A. or D. A.' is a very poor opposition to be taken up by the leader of the opposition. You ought to be very particular about what our representatives, our Ministers should get by way of T. A. or D. A. or other emoluments and you in your capacity as the leader of the opposition should be more particular about what are the emoluments of our President.—As repeated by me this morning that he is the custodian of the rights and privileges of this House which unfortunately are shattered to pieces as events have shown now Sir. I know you will not profit. Therefore save us from him and let us have another leader of oppositjon so that he may function there, that august seat, that near seat, that responsible seat as the leader of opposition who ought to behave not by making indifferent statemcns but by making careful statements. I therefore request the leader of His Highness the Maharaja's Government's opposition to oppose this motion in the fair name of the President whose seat is the second seat in the Realm. In the name of that I oppose Sir, by simply saying 'I oppose'. I have nothing more to add.

Mr. President: The Motion before the House is that the Payment of Salaries Act (Amendment) Bill be finally passed.

Motion put and carried.

(2) NON OFFICIAL BILLS

1. The Cochin free compulsory Primary Education Bill

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*): Mr. President, I move that the Cochin Free Compulsory Primary Education Bill be taken up and passed.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon (*Constitutional Adviser*): I second the motion.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan (*Vadakkancheri*) I am much obliged. Now Sir, the fear I had in my mind has been disillusioned by that most beautiful and perfunctory performance of the Constitutional Adviser of the Government, who is a Government Member in seconding this motion. Otherwise I had reasons to think not from what transpired between us in prvate talk, no Sir, I am not the man who use such things but from my experience I had in the year 1112 when I had to move for the third reading an almost identical Bill and the suprise of all surprise Sir, was the able spokesman of the Government for everything important in this Government to-day was the person who opposed the third reading of the Bill with all the vehemence at his command, marshalling arguments like a clever lawyer he was and he will continue to be as such. I request him to come this side by even resigning because we have reached a stage when men like him are wanted.....

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